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 For: TANTALUM AND NIOBIUM BILLETS
 AND METHODS OF PRODUCING THE SAME
Our Ref.: CPM00029CIP (3600-328-01)

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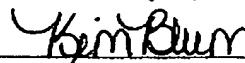
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1203 360	2203 180	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 200	2204 100	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251 120	2251 60	Extension for reply within first month	
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